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# Business Indicators

## Australian Capital Territory

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## NOTES

### FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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—	nil or rounded to zero

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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

### UPDATED SERIES

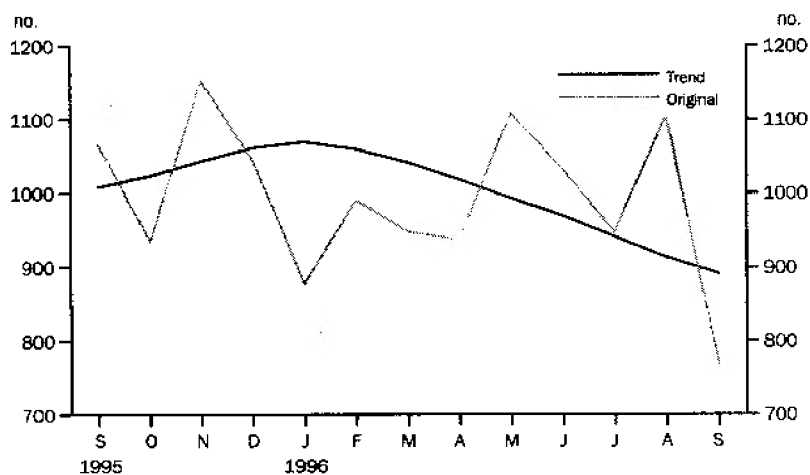
Series updated since the October 1996 issue are: labour force, industrial disputes; building approvals; consumer price index, average retail prices; retail turnover; and new motor vehicle registrations. A feature article on the 1995 Survey of Motor Vehicle Use in the ACT is included on page 6.

### NOTABLE MOVEMENTS

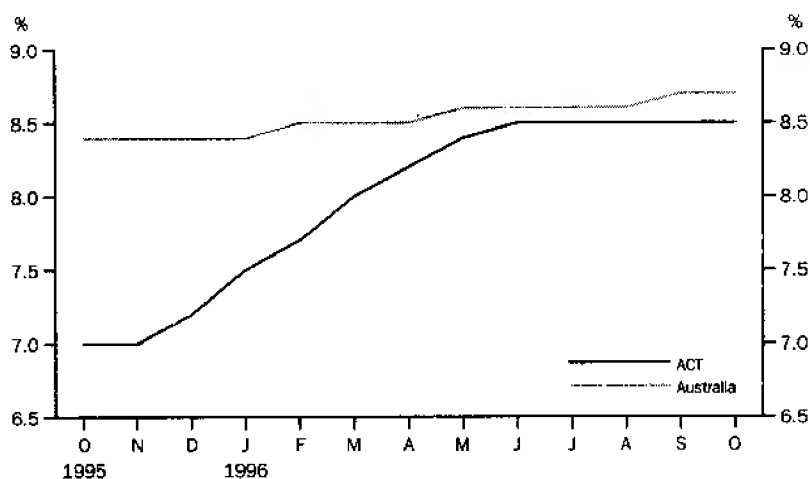
Labour force	The trend number of persons employed in the ACT has fallen for each of the last 12 months from a peak of 159,700 persons in October 1995 to 154,100 persons in October 1996 (of this 5,600 decline in persons employed, 3,200 were in full-time jobs). Over the same period, the trend unemployment rate increased from 7.0% to 8.5% and the trend participation rate has decreased from 74.3% to 72.1%. The trend unemployment rate has stabilised at 8.5% over the last 5 months.
Industrial disputes	In July 1996, there were 123 working days lost per 1,000 employees in the ACT compared with 128 working days lost per 1,000 employees nationally. For the ACT, this was the highest rate of working days lost per thousand employee since the 137 reported for the year ended September 1988 and was mainly due to disputes in the construction industry and public service.
Housing and construction	The trend number of dwelling units approved in the ACT increased by 1.3% to 141 dwelling units in September 1996. This compares to 209 dwelling units approved in September 1995. Nationally the total number of dwelling units approved fell by 0.3% in September 1996.
Prices	The All Groups CPI for the ACT did not increase at all during the September quarter 1996, while annually there was an increase of 1.9%. Nationally the All Groups CPI increased by 0.3% over the September quarter 1996 and 2.1% over the year.
Retail turnover	The trend estimate for retail turnover in the ACT for September 1996 was \$197.9 million, up on the previous month's figure of \$196.5 million. Nationally trend retail turnover has increased by 3.6% over the last 12 months compared to 7.3% for the ACT.
Motor vehicle registrations	The trend estimate for new motor vehicle registrations for the ACT in September 1996 was 891. The series has declined for each of the months since January 1996 which recorded 1,069 new vehicles registered. Nationally, the trend for total new registrations in September 1996 recorded its fourth consecutive monthly fall.

## SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS

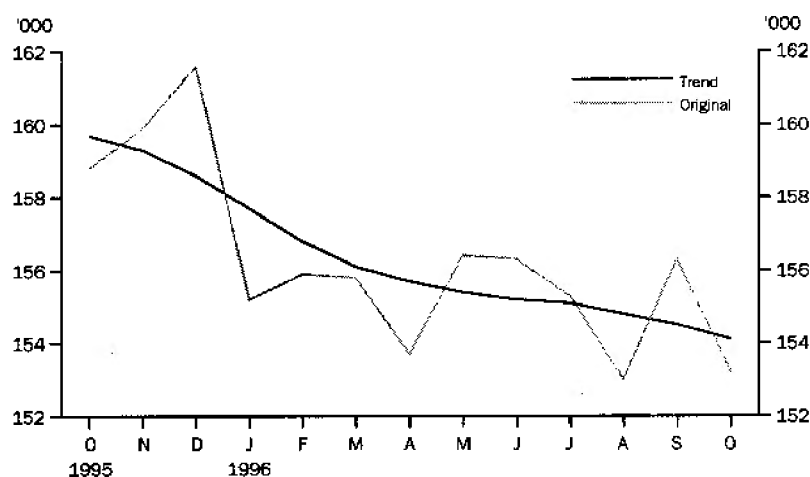
### NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS



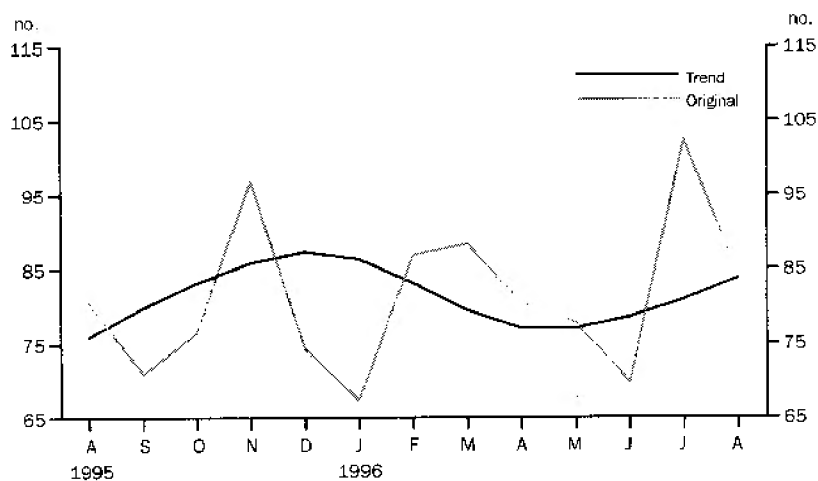
### LABOUR FORCE — TREND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



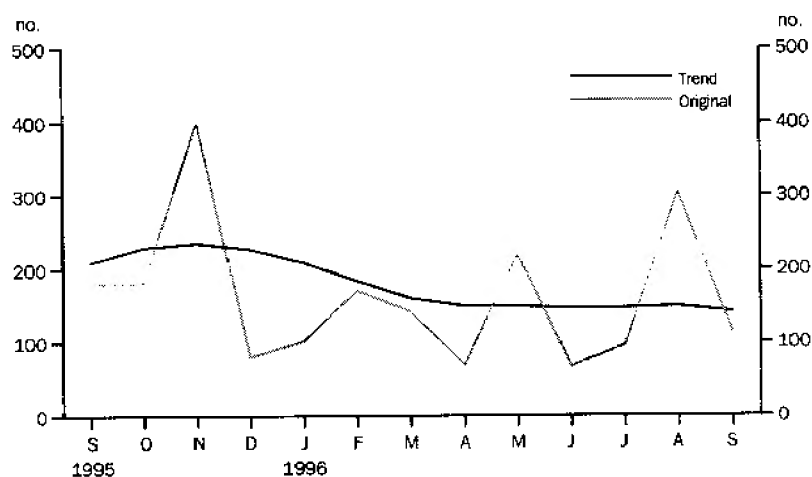
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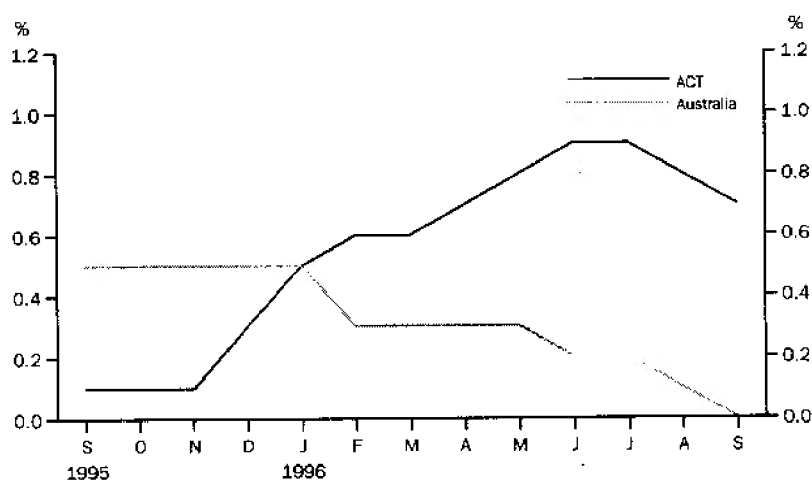
# HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS



# BUILDING APPROVALS — DWELLING UNITS APPROVED



# RETAIL TURNOVER — TREND PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH



Results from the 1995 Survey of Motor Vehicle Use relate to an estimated 180,392 vehicles in the ACT. There were 153,414 passenger vehicles, representing 85% of all vehicles registered for road use. Light commercial vehicles accounted for a further 10% of vehicles; motor cycles for 2.8%; rigid trucks for 2%; and articulated trucks, buses and non-freight carrying trucks for less than 1% each.

Between 1991 and 1995 the total number of road-using vehicles increased by 10.6%. Passenger vehicle numbers increased by 10.5% and freight carrying vehicles (light commercials, rigid and articulated trucks) by 16.2%. Since 1991 motor cycle numbers have shown an overall increase of 3.9% to 1995.

The estimated total distance travelled by all motor vehicles in the 12 months ended 30 September 1995 (3.0 million) increased by 8.3% over the corresponding period in 1991. However, the average distance travelled by motor vehicles in 1995 (16,800 kilometres) showed a decrease of 1.8% from 1991 (17,100 kilometres). Vehicles registered in Queensland recorded the highest distance travelled per vehicle at 17,000 kilometres, followed by the ACT, while Tasmania (13,500 kilometres) recorded the lowest average distance travelled.

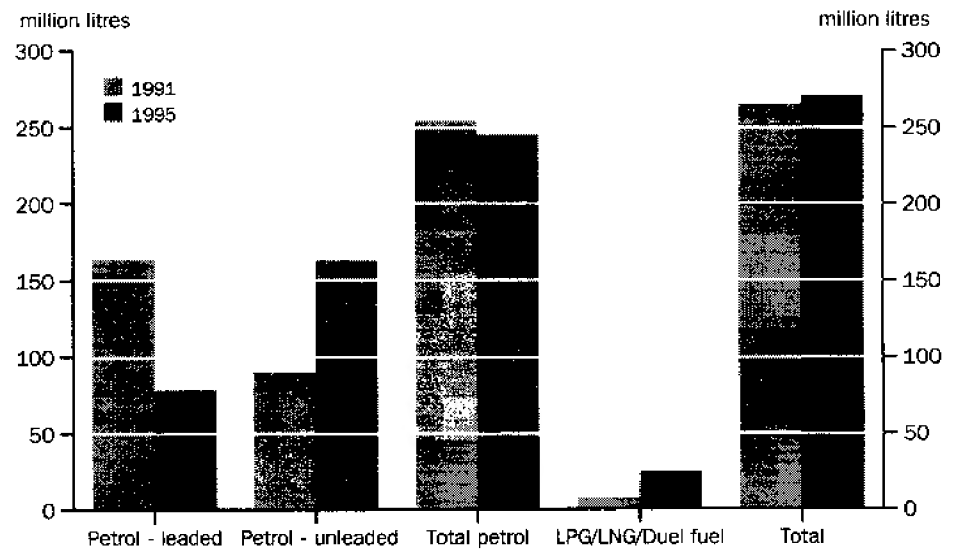
Passenger vehicles accounted for 83% (2,510 million kilometres) of total distance travelled in the ACT; light commercial vehicles 11.5% (349,000 kilometres); rigid trucks 2.5% (76,000 kilometres); articulated trucks, buses and motorcycles for 1%.

About 45.2% (1,366 million kilometres) of the total distance travelled by passenger vehicles was for private use, 28% (863 million kilometres) was for travel to and from work, and 26.3% (745 million kilometres) was for business use. Vehicles registered in the ACT and South Australia recorded the highest average vehicle use for private purposes with averages of 8,900 and 8,400 kilometres respectively.

Total fuel consumption by all vehicles in the ACT for the 12 months ended 30 September 1995 was estimated at 357.5 million litres, down from the 1991 estimate of 360.6 million litres. Passenger vehicles accounted for 76% (270.3 million litres) of the total fuel consumed, followed by freight carrying vehicles with 24% (76.2 million litres) and buses with 2.7% (4.6 million litres).

The use of unleaded petrol now exceeds leaded petrol. In 1995, unleaded petrol accounted for 51% (183.1 million litres) of all petrol consumption, compared to 29% (103.2 million litres) in 1991. Both leaded and unleaded petrol accounted for 77% (275.2 million litres) of total fuel consumption in 1995, down from 82% (294.9 million litres) in 1991.

# PASSENGER VEHICLES BY FUEL CONSUMPTION AND TYPE OF FUEL



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## AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS: SALES, DECEMBER QUARTER 1996/SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1997, EXPECTED AGGREGATE CHANGE

	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
<i>Period</i>	%	%
<b>Short-term</b>		
Sept. qtr 1995-Dec. qtr 1995	2.0	2.1
Dec. qtr 1995-Mar. qtr 1996	0.5	-0.2
Mar. qtr 1996-June qtr 1996	1.8	2.3
June qtr 1996-Sept. qtr 1996	0.4	1.6
Sept. qtr 1996-Dec. qtr 1996	-0.3	1.6
<b>Medium-term</b>		
Sept. qtr 1995-Sept. qtr 1996	3.1	3.4
Dec. qtr 1995-Dec. qtr 1996	3.8	4.4
Mar. qtr 1996-Mar. qtr 1997	2.3	4.1
June qtr 1996-June qtr 1997	1.4	3.6
Sept. qtr 1996-Sept. qtr 1997	1.5	3.1



Indicator	Unit	Australian Capital Territory			Australia		
		Change from			Change from		
		Latest figure	Previous period	Same period previous	Latest figure	Previous period	Same period previous
<b>POPULATION, VITAL AND LABOUR</b>							
POPULATION, March qtr 96	'000	306.4	0.5	0.9	18 238.6	0.4	1.4
Natural increase	no.	740	-23.2	-12.3	34 715	12.9	-4.2
Net migration	no.	822	-188.7	-29.5	35 322	24.3	43.0
Total increase	no.	1 562	4 121.6	-22.3	70 037	18.4	15.0
<b>LABOUR FORCE, October 96</b>							
Original series							
Employed	'000	153.2	-2.0	-5.2	8 392.5	-0.4	0.6
Unemployed	'000	12.9	-1.5	21.7	764.9	-4.4	0.2
Unemployment rate(a)	%	7.8	—	1.6	8.4	-0.3	—
Participation rate(a)	%	71.0	-1.6	-3.6	63.5	-0.6	-0.7
Long-term unemployed (October 96)	no.	2 900	-6.5	31.8	237 500	8.2	1.5
Long-term unemployed as percentage total unemployed (June 96)(a)	%	22.1	0.6	1.3	29.7	1.2	-1.0
Trend series							
Employed	'000	154.1	-0.3	-3.4	8 371.9	0.1	1.2
Unemployed	'000	14.3	-0.7	20.2	801.5	0.7	5.2
Unemployment rate(a)	%	8.5	—	1.5	8.7	—	0.3
Participation rate(a)	%	72.1	-0.2	-2.2	63.6	—	-0.2
JOB VACANCIES, August 96	'000	0.5	150.0	66.7	55.3	26.0	5.3
<b>INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES IN PROGRESS, July 96</b>							
Working days lost	'000	7.8	95	—	137.3	2.9	276.2
Days lost per '000 employees (year ended July 96)	no.	123.0	80.9	2 360.0	128.0	12.3	50.6
<b>BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION</b>							
<b>HOUSING FINANCE, August 96</b>							
Secured commitments to individuals for							
Original series							
Construction of dwellings	\$m	6.6	-19.5	-25.8	510.1	-4.8	-12.3
Purchase of new dwellings	\$m	7.0	-39.7	-27.8	198.4	-2.7	3.7
Purchase of established dwellings	\$m	40.4	-20.0	-9.2	3 377.9	-2.4	13.2
Total housing commitments	\$m	84.1	-17.8	4.6	4 086.5	-2.7	8.7
Seasonally adjusted series							
Total housing commitments	\$m	82.1	-20.7	11.1	4 031.7	0.8	13.8
Trend series							
Dwelling units financed	no.	844	3.6	8.2	38 784	1.4	4.5
Total housing commitments	\$m	83.7	3.6	10.1	3 849.3	2.0	8.1
<b>BUILDING APPROVALS, September 96</b>							
Original series							
Dwelling units	no.	114	-62.5	-36.7	10 016	-10.8	-9.5
Value of new residential	\$m	13.0	-45.1	-30.5	985.3	-11.5	-8.7
Value of residential alterations and additions	\$m	4.5	50.0	-4.3	204.0	0.6	0.4
Value of non-residential	\$m	49.0	279.8	240.3	1 138.8	0.5	31.7
Value of total building	\$m	66.5	67.9	75.5	2 328.1	-4.9	8.4
Trend series							
Dwelling units	no.	141	1.4	-32.5	10 294	-0.3	-2.4
<b>BUILDING COMMENCEMENTS, June qtr 96</b>							
New houses	no.	342	57.6	4.0	20 975	9.9	-14.8
Value of houses commenced	\$m	35.9	46.5	-7.2	2 227.0	10.7	-10.5
Value of non-residential building commenced	\$m	147.9	126.5	166.5	2 647.0	-12.3	5.1
Value of total commencements	\$m	213.1	84.3	63.5	6 413.7	-2.3	-4.0
<b>PRICE INDEXES</b>							
	(1989-90=100.0)						
Established house price index, June qtr 96		127.4	0.3	-0.5	113.6	1.2	1.1

For footnotes see end of table.

Indicator	Unit	Australian Capital Territory			Australia		
		Change from			Change from		
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<b>PRICES, WAGES AND CONSUMER SPENDING</b>							
(1989-90=100.0)							
Food	(1989-90=100.0)	120.3	0.6	2.6	118.3	1.0	2.5
Housing	(1989-90=100.0)	112.0	-0.4	0.6	106.1	-0.2	0.7
Transportation	(1989-90=100.0)	128.9	-0.8	1.7	123.4	-0.3	1.1
All groups	(1989-90=100.0)	121.4	—	1.9	120.1	0.3	2.1
<b>AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, May 96</b>							
Original series							
Males	\$	742.6	-2.3	3.4	671.5	0.5	2.9
Females	\$	541.3	2.9	4.8	441.1	0.4	2.6
Total persons	\$	641.4	0.3	4.1	564.4	0.3	3.0
Trend series							
Males	\$	747.8	-0.4	4.2	672.0	0.8	2.9
Females	\$	531.4	1.3	3.8	440.1	0.9	2.5
Total persons	\$	639.1	0.4	3.9	564.6	0.9	3.0
<b>RETAIL TURNOVER, September 96</b>							
Original series							
Food retailing	\$m	77.4	-5.6	5.4	3 998.9	-5.5	3.3
Department stores	\$m	20.3	-2.4	-1.0	828.6	-6.8	-3.3
Hospitality and services	\$m	30.4	-1.0	5.6	1 652.2	-3.5	-4.5
All other retailing	\$m	59.7	4.6	6.0	3 148.3	-3.9	0.1
Total	\$m	187.8	-1.5	4.9	9 628.0	-4.7	0.3
Trend series							
Food retailing	'000	81.7	0.4	9.7	4 202.2	0.4	6.0
Department stores	\$m	24.2	0.8	0.4	966.5	-0.4	0.6
Hospitality and services	\$m	30.8	1.3	7.7	1 713.0	-0.9	-1.7
All other retailing	%	61.2	0.8	6.8	3 379.6	—	4.5
Total	'000	197.9	0.7	7.3	10 261.3	—	3.6
<b>TOURISM AND TRANSPORT</b>							
<b>HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION, March qtr 96</b>							
Original series							
Room nights	'000	198.3	-8.2	-6.8	9 142.7	-1.6	4.5
Takings at current prices	\$m	18.0	-6.3	-4.3	873.5	—	12.5
Takings at 1989-90 prices	\$m	14.9	-6.9	-8.0	733.3	-0.6	8.4
Room occupancy rate (June qtr 96)(a)	%	63.5	3.7	-0.5	56.1	-2.9	—
Seasonally adjusted series							
Room nights	'000	202.1	-1.3	-7.9	9 194.7	1.2	3.2
Takings at current prices	\$m	18.0	-1.6	-5.8	872.6	3.8	11.1
Takings at 1989-90 prices	\$m	14.9	-1.3	-9.7	732.5	3.2	7.1
Trend series							
Room nights	'000	202.2	-1.7	-6.2	9 181.9	0.9	3.3
Takings at current prices	\$m	18.0	-2.7	-5.8	868.5	2.5	10.5
Takings at 1989-90 prices	\$m	15.0	-3.2	-8.5	727.1	1.6	6.0
<b>NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, September 96</b>							
Motor vehicles	no.	768	-30.4	-27.9	51 089	-6.0	3.7
Seasonally adjusted motor vehicles	no.	777	-27.2	-23.9	54 290	0.2	5.7
Trend motor vehicles	no.	891	-2.4	-11.6	54 229	-0.3	5.8

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Indicator	Unit	Australian Capital Territory			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from		Latest figure	Change from	
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AGGREGATE INDICATORS							
STATE ACCOUNTS, June qtr 96(b)							
Original series							
Gross State product at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	2 183	7.1	2.4	107 516	2.5	4.3
Gross State product at current prices	\$m	2 630	8.2	5.3	122 332	3.2	6.5
State final demand at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	3 073	6.9	0.1	109 714	7.7	3.5
Private final consumption expenditure	\$m	1 410	5.4	4.1	76 344	3.6	6.2
Private gross fixed capital expenditure	\$m	192	9.1	7.3	20 256	16.2	3.5
Trend series							
Gross State product at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	2 164	0.2	4.0	109 367	0.7	4.2
Gross State product at current prices	\$m	2 604	1.4	6.9	124 235	1.4	6.8
State final demand at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	3 004	-0.6	1.9	108 280	0.9	3.8
Private final consumption expenditure	\$m	1 419	0.6	3.8	77 521	1.3	6.5
Private gross fixed capital expenditure	\$m	193	-2.5	2.1	19 524	1.5	2.3

(a) Change shown in terms of percentage points.

(b) State estimates are not comparable to national estimates for June quarter 1995 due to revised aggregates in Australian National Accounts, State Accounts (5242.0)

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#### AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY IN RELATION TO THE REST OF AUSTRALIA

Indicator	Unit	Latest period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
<b>POPULATION</b>											
Employed persons (trend)	'000	March qtr 96	6 173.0	4 533.3	3 339.0	1 477.7	1 755.5	473.2	177.5	306.4	18 238.6
Unemployment rate (trend)	%	October 96 October 96	2 806.8 8.0	2 080.0 9.4	1 540.0 9.8	659.3 9.6	848.9 7.7	200.1 10.7	84.7 4.8	154.1 8.5	8 371.9 8.7
<b>STATE ACCOUNTS(a)</b>											
Gross State product at 1989-90 prices (trend)	\$m	June qtr 96	37 172	28 787	17 965	7 607	12 414	2 187	1 224	2 164	109 367
Gross State product at current prices (trend)	\$m	June qtr 96	43 143	32 352	19 993	8 932	13 340	2 588	1 331	2 604	124 235
<b>BUILDING APPROVALS</b>											
Dwelling units approved	no.	September 96	3 507	1 778	2 590	514	1 210	160	143	114	10 016
Dwelling units approved (trend)	no.	September 96	3 544	2 022	2 683	481	1 162	154	155	141	10 294
Value of non-residential building approved	\$m	September 96	468.4	174.9	263.1	59.1	91.1	10.3	22.1	49.0	1 138.8
Value of all buildings approved	\$m	September 96	926.3	404.2	536.2	113.2	219.2	25.4	37.1	66.5	2 328.1
<b>ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION</b>											
Value of engineering construction work done	\$m	June qtr 96	1 435.8	650.8	792.3	225.7	856.2	66.2	47.7	39.8	4 114.7
<b>AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS</b>											
Full-time adult ordinary time (trend)	\$	May qtr 96	700.20	666.00	619.50	634.00	688.50	631.50	667.80	774.50	670.70
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b>											
Retail turnover (trend)	\$m	September 96	3 715.6	2 319.1	1 895.5	770.6	1 007.3	241.6	113.6	197.9	10 261.3
<b>HOTELS, MOTELS &amp; GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION</b>											
Room nights occupied (trend)	'000	March qtr 96	3 167.1	1 493.1	2 414.6	519.7	815.6	271.6	296.9	202.2	9 181.9
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS</b>											
Trend	no.	September 96	18 644	12 971	10 778	3394	5 677	1 289	585	891	54 229
<b>CONSUMER PRICE INDEX</b>											
Food	Unit	Latest Period	Syd.	Melb.	Bris.	Adel.	Perth	Hob.	Dar.	Canb.	Aust.
Housing	(1989-90=100.0)	September qtr 96	118.2	117.5	117.7	119.2	120.3	120.0	119.1	120.3	118.3
Transportation	(1989-90=100.0)	September qtr 96	110.4	99.6	112.4	103.5	101.0	107.4	121.7	112.0	106.1
All Groups	(1989-90=100.0)	September qtr 96	124.0	123.1	122.2	124.4	122.0	119.7	121.9	128.8	123.4
Average retail prices (cents)	(1989-90=100.0)	September qtr 96	120.2	119.6	120.6	122.2	118.3	121.1	121.6	121.4	120.1
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 litre	September qtr 96	114.0	125.0	114.0	114.0	124.0	120.0	116.0	109.0	n.a.
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	September qtr 96	195.0	192.0	193.0	154.0	184.0	167.0	194.0	182.0	n.a.
Beef, rump steak	1 kg	September qtr 96	1 221.0	1 107.0	1 056.0	1 123.0	1 082.0	1 074.0	1 289.0	1 048.0	n.a.
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	September qtr 96	307.0	352.0	342.0	369.0	346.0	397.0	383.0	322.0	n.a.
Potatoes	1 kg	September qtr 96	86.0	94.0	90.0	67.0	120.0	78.0	109.0	83.0	n.a.
Coffee, instant (jar)	150 g	September qtr 96	572.0	568.0	572.0	509.0	574.0	617.0	565.0	566.0	n.a.
Scotch nip, public bar	30 ml	September qtr 96	317.0	283.0	251.0	329.0	324.0	241.0	310.0	282.0	n.a.
Private motoring petrol, leaded	1 litre	September qtr 96	72.8	73.6	64.4	73.6	74.6	76.2	79.4	76.2	n.a.
Private motoring petrol, unleaded	1 litre	September qtr 96	70.7	71.5	62.2	71.3	72.5	74.1	77.4	74.0	n.a.

(a) State estimates are not comparable to national estimates for June quarter 1995 due to revised aggregates in Australian National Accounts, State Accounts (5242.0).

Indicator	Latest period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
<b>POPULATION</b>	March qtr 96	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.1	-0.5	—	0.3	0.5	0.4
<b>LABOUR FORCE</b>										
Employed persons (trend)	October 96	0.2	—	—	-0.1	0.3	-0.2	0.6	-0.3	0.1
Unemployment rate (trend)(a)	October 96	—	0.2	0.1	0.1	—	0.1	-0.3	—	—
<b>STATE ACCOUNTS(b)</b>										
Gross State product at 1989-90 prices (trend)	June qtr 96	1.0	0.4	1.7	0.7	2.0	0.1	-0.6	0.2	0.7
Gross State product at current prices (trend)	June qtr 96	1.9	0.9	1.7	0.8	2.0	0.8	0.9	1.4	1.4
<b>BUILDING APPROVALS</b>										
Dwelling units approved	September 96	2.4	-27.3	-11.5	-6.0	-2.3	-9.6	-13.9	-62.5	-10.8
Dwelling units approved (trend)	September 96	-1.1	—	-0.3	1.9	—	-4.9	-1.9	1.4	0.3
Value of non-residential building approved	September 96	-2.4	-12.0	32.9	-3.0	-31.1	-41.1	-30.5	279.8	0.5
Value of all buildings approved	September 96	-0.2	-21.1	7.8	-2.7	-18.2	-28.7	-27.8	67.9	-4.9
<b>ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION</b>										
Value of engineering construction work done	June qtr 96	17.5	8.3	17.4	13.9	46.2	-15.3	13.0	33.9	19.9
<b>AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS</b>										
Full-time adult ordinary time (trend)	May qtr 96	0.7	1.1	0.5	1.4	1.1	1.5	0.3	0.6	0.8
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b>										
Retail turnover (trend)	September 96	0.1	-0.1	0.3	-0.3	-0.8	-0.5	-1.0	0.7	—
<b>HOTELS, MOTELS &amp; GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION</b>										
Room nights occupied (trend)	March qtr 96	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.4	0.6	—	1.3	-1.7	0.9
<b>NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS</b>										
Trend	September 96	-0.6	0.1	-0.1	-1.3	-0.3	2.3	-2.3	-2.4	-0.3
	Latest period	Syd.	Melb.	Bris.	Adel.	Perth	Hob.	Dar.	Canb.	Aust.
<b>CONSUMER PRICE INDEX</b>										
(1989-90=100.0)										
Food	September qtr 96	0.4	1.8	-0.1	0.7	2.1	1.4	0.4	0.6	1.0
Housing	September qtr 96	0.4	-0.8	-0.1	-0.4	-0.6	-0.2	—	-0.4	-0.2
Transportation	September qtr 96	-0.2	-0.3	0.1	-0.7	-1.5	-0.1	2.2	-0.8	-0.3
All Groups	September qtr 96	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.7	—	0.3
Average retail prices (cents)										
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	September qtr 96	0.9	3.3	—	0.9	3.3	—	0.9	2.8	n.a.
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	September qtr 96	0.5	10.3	1.6	9.2	2.2	9.9	2.1	-1.6	n.a.
Beef, rump steak	September qtr 96	-4.8	-0.8	-3.0	-3.9	-0.6	-8.8	1.4	-4.5	n.a.
Chicken, frozen	September qtr 96	-0.7	1.1	10.0	6.0	4.5	6.7	0.3	6.6	n.a.
Potatoes	September qtr 96	3.6	-5.1	4.7	-4.3	6.2	1.3	-3.5	6.4	n.a.
Coffee, instant	September qtr 96	0.5	-0.2	-3.7	-3.6	0.5	-2.5	-5.5	-0.9	n.a.
Scotch nip, public bar	September qtr 96	0.3	3.3	—	2.5	—	3.0	1.0	1.4	n.a.
Private motoring petrol, leaded	September qtr 96	-2.9	-0.7	0.2	-3.0	-2.4	-1.6	—	-3.2	n.a.
Private motoring petrol, unleaded	September qtr 96	-3.2	-0.6	-3.0	-3.1	-2.4	-1.7	—	-3.3	n.a.

(a) Change shown in terms of percentage points.

(b) State estimates are not comparable to national estimates for June quarter 1995 due to revised aggregates in *Australian National Accounts, State Accounts* (5242.0).





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